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Field Crops

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Cotton harvesting is 48 percent complete, ahead of last year at 40 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 37 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to good. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			- Percent -		
Alfalfa	-	27	43	22	8
Cotton	-	2	25	41	29
Range and Pasture	51	28	14	5	2

Crop Progress

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	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
Cotton • Harvesting	48	- Percer 35		37

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending October 25, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 5 degrees above normal at four locations. The highest temperature of the week was 100 degrees at Phoenix and the lowest reading of 16 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 22 stations. Douglas received the most at .12 inches and Canyon de Chelly received the least at 0.01 inches of precipitation. There are no reporting stations that have above normal precipitation levels to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
October 19, 2009 - October 25, 2009								
	Temperature			Precipitation				
	_			_	Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Week	to Date	From Normal	of Normal
Aguila	68	3	88	47	0.00	3.70	-4.24	47
Buckeye	71	2	93	49	0.00	2.30	-3.58	39
Canyon De Chelly	53	2	79	28	0.01	4.00	-3.86	51
Coolidge	66	-2	93	42	0.00	2.92	-2.89	50
Douglas	64	4	89	38	0.12	5.30	-6.32	46
Flagstaff	49	5	73	22	0.00	7.87	-10.26	43
Grand Canyon	45	3	76	16	0.03	7.92	-8.44	48
Kingman	63	2	89	43	0.00	4.26	-3.62	54
Marana	70	2	95	50	0.00	4.59	-4.07	53
Maricopa	70	2	94	46	0.00	3.38	-2.19	61
Paloma	70	2	93	46	0.00	1.58	-3.33	32
Parker	68	-3	89	47	0.00	1.03	-2.10	33
Payson	58	3	81	33	0.00	9.26	-8.36	53
Phoenix	77	5	100	60	0.00	2.80	-3.08	48
Prescott	58	5	83	36	0.00	5.97	-10.25	37
Roll	71	2	97	46	0.00	0.82	-1.62	34
Safford	65	3	90	40	0.00	3.73	-4.30	46
St. Johns	54	3	82	29	0.00	3.15	-6.62	32
Tucson	72	4	95	51	0.00	5.47	-4.63	54
Willcox	62	5	91	37	0.06	9.54	-1.30	88
Winslow	57	4	88	32	0.00	2.49	-4.16	37
Yuma	77	4	99	60	0.00	2.42	-0.02	99
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that w eek.								

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